

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS

1. (currently amended) A method for raising funds for a charitable cause comprising the steps of:

identifying a charitable cause in need of funding;

obtaining one or more sponsors to fund the charitable cause through paying for a plurality of flags prior to their display, with at least a portion of the funds being donated to the charitable cause;

transforming a selected location by erecting ~~providing at the~~ plurality of patriotic flags at the selected location to comprise a healing field that is, at least in part, expressive of the charitable cause;

linking a display of the healing field to the charitable cause in need of funding by carrying out a public awareness campaign designed to educate others ~~and provide sponsorship of the healing field and at least some of the plurality of patriotic flags prior to their display with at least a portion of proceeds being donated to the charitable cause in need of funding~~ about the charitable cause and its relation to the healing field;

displaying the healing field as part of the public awareness campaign, the plurality of ~~patriotic flags~~ being arranged as a group in a layout so as to stimulate an emotional response within individuals viewing the healing field that is associated with the charitable cause; ~~the plurality of patriotic flags temporarily occupying a location not dedicated to providing a permanent display of the patriotic flags;~~

~~facilitating the viewing of the healing field and the concurrent providing of information related to the charitable cause to heighten the emotional response;~~

selling at least some of the plurality of ~~patriotic flags~~ that are displayed in the healing field ~~and donating at least a portion of proceeds to~~ to raise additional funds for the charitable cause in need of funding; and

removing the plurality of ~~patriotic flags after a predetermined display period~~ to eliminate the healing field from the location.

2. (currently amended) A method as in claim 1, wherein the step of providing a plurality of ~~patriotic~~-flags to comprise a healing field further comprises the step of identifying a historical event to be symbolized by the plurality of ~~patriotic~~-flags.
3. (currently amended) A method as in claim 1, wherein the step of displaying the healing field further comprises the step of positioning the plurality of ~~patriotic~~-flags in a predetermined pattern.
4. (original) A method as in claim 3, wherein the predetermined pattern is a geometric pattern.
5. (original) A method as in claim 3, wherein the predetermined pattern is a linear array placed along an area selected from the group consisting of a path, a body of water, a river, a building, a structure, a road, a highway, a trail, a hill, a mountain, and a military base.
6. (original) A method as in claim 3, further comprising the step of incorporating information within the predetermined pattern.
7. (previously presented) A method as in claim 3, further comprising the step of incorporating a graphic message within the predetermined pattern.
8. (currently amended) A method as in claim 1, wherein the step of linking a display of the healing field to the charitable cause further comprises the step of advertising a purpose for the plurality of ~~patriotic~~-flags and the healing field, wherein the purpose links the plurality of ~~patriotic~~-flags and the healing field to the charitable cause.
9. (currently amended) A method as in claim 8, wherein the step of advertising the purpose for the plurality of ~~patriotic~~-flags and the healing field further comprises the step of advertising through a medium selected from the group consisting of radio

stations, television stations, newspapers, magazines, and internet sites.

10. (canceled)
11. (currently amended) A method as in claim ~~40~~1, wherein the one or more sponsors comprises a person that pays to sponsor one or more flags in the plurality of ~~patriotic~~-flags.
12. (currently amended) A method as in claim ~~40~~1, wherein the one or more sponsors comprises an organization that pays to sponsor one or more flags in the plurality of ~~patriotic~~-flags.
13. (currently amended) A method as in claim 1, wherein the step of selling the plurality of ~~patriotic~~-flags further comprises the step of selling the plurality of ~~patriotic~~ flags through an auction.
14. (original) A method as in claim 13, wherein the auction is an internet auction.
15. (currently amended) A method as in claim 1, wherein the step of selling the plurality of ~~patriotic~~-flags further comprises the step of selling the plurality of ~~patriotic~~ flags through an advertising campaign.
16. (currently amended) A method as in claim 1, wherein the step of selling the plurality of ~~patriotic~~-flags further comprises the step of placing advertisements near the healing field.
17. (currently amended) A method as in claim 1, wherein the step of selling the plurality of ~~patriotic~~-flags further comprises the step of advertising through a medium selected from the group consisting of radio stations, television stations, newspapers,

magazines, and internet sites.

18. (original) A method as in claim 17, wherein the step of advertising through the medium of magazines further comprises the step of advertising through magazines that are substantially specific to a purpose for the healing field.
19. (currently amended) A system for raising funds for a charitable cause comprising the steps of:
- means for identifying a charitable cause in need of funding;
 - means for providing a plurality of ~~patriotic~~-flags to comprise a healing field that is, at least in part, expressive of the charitable cause;
 - means for obtaining one or more sponsors to fund the charitable cause by paying for a plurality of flags prior to their display, with at least a portion of the funds being donated to the charitable cause;
 - means for linking a display of the healing field to the charitable cause in need of funding, the means comprising carrying out a public awareness campaign designed to educate others and provide sponsorship of the healing field and at least some of the plurality of ~~patriotic~~-flags prior to their display with at least a portion of proceeds being donated to the charitable cause in need of funding;
 - means for displaying the healing field as part of the public awareness campaign, the plurality of ~~patriotic~~-flags being arranged as a group in a layout so as to stimulate an emotional response within individuals viewing the healing field that is associated with the charitable cause, the plurality of ~~patriotic~~-flags temporarily occupying a location not dedicated to providing a permanent display of the ~~patriotic~~-flags;
 - ~~means for facilitating the viewing of the healing field and the concurrent providing of information related to the charitable cause to heighten the emotional response;~~
 - means for selling at least some of the plurality of ~~patriotic~~-flags that are displayed in the healing field and donating at least a portion of proceeds to the charitable cause in need of funding; and

means for removing the plurality of ~~patriotic~~-flags to eliminate the healing field from the location.

20. (currently amended) The method of claim 1, further comprising repeating the steps of identifying a charitable cause, providing a plurality of ~~patriotic~~-flags, linking a display of the healing field, displaying the healing field, coordinating the viewing of the healing field, selling the plurality of ~~patriotic~~-flags, and removing the plurality of ~~patriotic~~-flags, for a different charitable cause at a different location.

21. (currently amended) A method for raising funds for a charitable cause comprising the steps of:

identifying a charitable cause in need of funding;

obtaining one or more sponsors to fund the charitable cause by paying for a plurality of flags prior to their display;

providing ~~a~~the plurality of flags to comprise a healing field that is, at least in part, expressive of the charitable cause;

linking a display of the healing field to the charitable cause in need of funding by carrying out a public awareness campaign designed to educate others ~~and provide sponsorship of the healing field and at least some of the plurality of flags prior to their display with at least a portion of proceeds being donated to the charitable cause in need of funding;~~

displaying the healing field as part of the public awareness campaign, the plurality of flags being arranged as a group in a layout so as to stimulate an emotional response within individuals viewing the healing field that is associated with the charitable cause, the plurality of flags temporarily occupying a location not dedicated to providing a permanent display of the flags;

~~facilitating the viewing of the healing field and the concurrent providing of information related to the charitable cause to heighten the emotional response;~~

selling at least some of the plurality of flags that are displayed in the healing field
and donating at least a portion of proceeds to the charitable cause in need of funding;
and

removing the plurality of flags to eliminate the healing field from the location.